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Dormitory expansion possible

Expansion of Missouri Southern's dormitories may be a feasible project in the near future.

Discussion of additional dormitory space was initiated by Russell Smith, a member of the Board of Regents, after he received inquiries concerning the need. Southern dormitories have been filled to capacity for several years, and students are sometimes placed on waiting lists for rooms.

"The dorms were built for 500 students," Dolence said, "but we have the capacity for 550. We have waiting lists, but not long ones. We have submitted a recommendation for expanding the residence halls."

There has been no expansion of residence facilities at Southern since 1980 due to cost factors and enrollment trends.

"In the 60's and 70's the trend was toward expansion, and many schools overbuilt," said College President Julio Leon. "They were left with empty buildings. Most colleges are careful about watching enrollment to prevent overbuilding."

Leon expressed a belief that

enrollment at Missouri Southern will increase due to an increased awareness of Southern around the state.

"We are beginning to have more inquiries," said Leon. "We need to be able to house those people if there is a need."

Of the 550 spaces available to students, 275 are reserved for incoming freshmen.

"As of March 1, 275 spaces were opened on a first-come, first-serve basis for other dormitory students," said Dolence. "They are filled. Space for freshmen is held until the end of July. If the space is not confirmed, then we go ahead and fill the space with currently enrolled students."

"We have been running a 5 per cent no-show rate, but the last couple of years we have been running less than 5 per cent."

Information about housing in the Joplin area is made available to students unable to obtain dormitory housing.

"Last fall, we probably had 25-30 students who were able to get into the dormitories," said

Dolence. "We keep list of apartments, houses, and rooms for students about available housing."

Southern's growing reputation for its programs and its increased recruiting efforts are attracting students from a wider area, but there is not room for an increase in on-campus students.

"We've gained a reputation now for saying 'We're full, we can't take you,'" said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs. "How many other students are there out there that would have been here if we had had room?"

Although provisions would have been made for expansion of dining facilities or cafeteria hours, plans for a building are already available from the last dormitory expansion.

"We appear to have had a conservative view (concerning additional dormitory space)," said Smith, "and it appears to have been justified. But we should look into the possibility of a new building by next fall."



College now has measure to evaluate students' learning

Senate approves outcomes approach program

Assessment of undergraduate education at Missouri Southern will now be possible due to a motion passed Monday by the Faculty Senate.

An outcomes approach program will be used in future years to evaluate education at the College.

An outcomes approach is defined as institutional assessment of effect on student learning. The definition emphasizes that it is the institution which is the focus, not the students or individual departments.

Involved in the evaluation is not only student learning, but also changes in attitudes and values that occur at any point from first contact with a student through graduation and to alumni status.

"We don't want to evaluate the faculty or the students," said Julio Leon, president of Southern, "but the curriculum and the learning programs."

Dr. Larry Martin, head of the committee of the outcomes approach, believes that it would be intellectually dishonest on the part of Southern not to try a program of this caliber.

"This will help the Southern academic program," he said. "It has a chance to be a positive thing here. We must make the commitment."

Currently, Northeast Missouri State University is the only institution in the state to have such a program. It has been the recipient of nationwide acclaim, and more particularly with budgetary agencies of the state.

In the committee's report to the Faculty Senate, it states several principles which are agreed upon by the committee. These include:

- A sufficient case has been made for the approach to convince the committee that it will have a positive effect on the institution.
- The approach must be undertaken from a sense of conviction that it can be useful.
- The institution must have a clear

understanding of what outcomes it desires.

■ The institution must commit itself to support the financial costs of the program.

■ Faculty and student support are essential.

"There will be a commitment from this office," said Leon. "As for funding, it will come from the funds that are regularly budgeted. I certainly view it as a significant investment."

The committee also listed several recommendations for the program, if it is accepted by the Senate. Since the legislation passed, the following recommendations will be observed.

■ The program be phased in gradually over a period of four years.

■ A list of points of assessment be formulated.

■ An implementation schedule be determined.

■ A schedule be established outlining when these assessments at the various points of contact will be evaluated.

■ A standing committee of faculty, with possibly a student member, be established to oversee the institution, implementation, and evaluation of the program.

■ A standing committee report to the appropriate faculty governance bodies after the second year and annually thereafter.

■ These recommendations will be put into effect in the 1986-87 academic school year.

"This program demonstrates a commitment on the part of the faculty to make sure goals and objectives are being met and fulfilled," said Leon. "I can't think of a more important decision by the institution."

"The work by Martin and the committee is excellent," he continued. "It is an excellent report. They worked hard, and their recommendations are sensible. They show a clear understanding of what education is about."

Veteran actor here tomorrow

Television and film personality Dennis Weaver will be on campus tomorrow as a guest of the Missouri Southern Foundation.

Weaver will be the guest of honor at the Southern Lantern Society's second annual banquet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow.

The Alumni Foundation presented Weaver in 1971 with the first Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Since Weaver graduated from Joplin Junior College in 1943, his career as an entertainer has included television, films, and the theater. He has demonstrated a versatile talent for singing, songwriting, and comedy on top music and variety

shows over the years.

Weaver will take time between 11 a.m. and noon to talk to students and answer questions in the Lions Den. A press conference will be held from 2 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. at MSTV. He will also be interviewed at MSTV by Dave Griffith, senior communications major, for an edition of *Southern Perspective*.

Gilbert Roper, president of the board of directors of the Missouri Southern Foundation, will preside at tomorrow night's banquet. Dr. Julio Leon will welcome guests, and James Spradling, a member of the Foundation board, will be master of ceremonies.



Fool's Fest

(Top) Annetta St. Clair, assistant professor of political science, takes a turn in the dunking booth at last Thursday's Fool's Fest cookout. (Above) Students and faculty wait in line for barbecued chicken and other food items. (Chart photos by JoAnn Hollis and Rick Evans)

Senate tables grievance policy

Faculty may need more time to study 'important piece of legislation'

Once again, the business of a grievance policy for Missouri Southern has been tabled until next year.

The College is currently operating without any policy, and matters of grievance would be handled through the state laws dealing with due process.

The grievance policy under scrutiny is divided into three parts. The first deals with the grievance procedures, the second with grievance hearings, and the third with amendments to the existing policy.

The Senate voted to table the first part of the policy until the second meeting of next year.

In the case of the second piece of the policy, Dr. David Tate, chairman of the personnel committee, said, "The committee is recommending that the faculty have a longer amount of time to look this over. We are not opposed to the spirit, as we are to the specifics. The spirit is outrageous, but the instruments are of concern."

"This may be what the faculty wants, but we must be sure," he said. "Questions have been raised, and the faculty needs time. This is an important piece of legislation."

William Paapanen, a member of

the personnel committee, said that it is too late in the year to look at something with so much impact on major College policy. He agreed that it be put off until next year.

The Senate moved to table both of the remaining pieces of the policy until next year.

Don Seneker, president of the Senate, reminded senators that by tabling the policy, it would come under a new personnel committee in the fall.

"Last year, it was postponed to this year," said Robert Markman, a faculty senator. "It's no surprise to me that it has been postponed again."

Leon discusses 'hopeful' situation

Status of deliberations in Jefferson City over appropriation of funds for the upcoming year was the main item discussed at the Friday meeting of Missouri Southern's Board of Regents.

College President Julio Leon stated that the House and Senate have already acted on the funding, and for the first time ever, they have funded higher education at 100 per cent of the Coordinating Board's recommendation.

"This has never happened before," said Leon. "It is \$17 million more than the governor recommended. He only recommended 96.5 per cent. It looks very hopeful."

Leon also said that Southern had been recommended for \$80,000 for capital improvements. These funds would cover the resurfacing of the

Robert Ellis Gymnasium floor, and \$11,000 would go to improving the lights on some of Southern's parking lots.

Leon added that the House had recommended \$1.9 million for construction on Reynolds Hall.

"This is a very welcome development. I did not have much hope," said Leon. "We need the additional money to keep the building alive. Everything hinges on the governor, but it looks good for us."

In his construction report, Dr. Fred Shipman, vice president for business affairs, said the Matthews Hall project was "progressing very well. And that due to no serious problems with the weather, they are ahead of schedule."

A small remodeling job is slated to begin in Kuhn Hall after the

semester ends. The College is in the process of planning for the project.

Shipman also stated that bid openings would begin May 6 for the addition of a child-care center in Taylor Hall.

The buildings on campus will be the recipients of more lettering that will make them easier to identify for people on campus. The permanent aluminum letters will be within the next two to three weeks.

Under new business, Shipman said that KSNF-TV had requested to use Fred C. Hughes Stadium for its annual Fourth of July event. The Board expressed concern that Duquesne Road would be under construction at the time.

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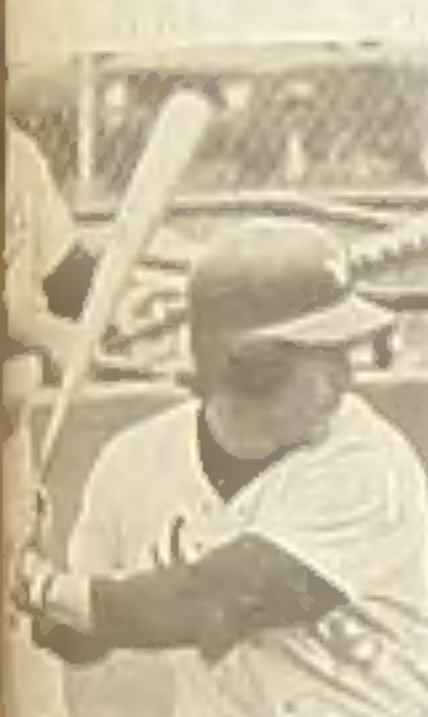
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F. Joe Sims will attend the recommitment of the Friendship Missouri.



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for prospective job applicants.



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The baseball Lions seek their first CSIC title this weekend.

Notice:

Next week's edition of 'The Chart' will be the final edition of the semester. The staff will include another 'Chart Magazine' in the May 1 edition.

Final Exam Schedule

Friday, May 9

8:00-9:40—All 8 a.m. H-W-F and daily classes

10:00-11:40—All 10 a.m. H-W-F and daily classes

12:00-1:40—All noon H-W-F and daily classes

2:00-3:40—All 1 p.m. T-Th classes

4:00-5:40—All 4 p.m. H-W-F and daily classes

Monday, May 12

8:00-9:40—All 8 a.m. H-W-F and daily classes

10:00-11:40—All 10 a.m. T-Th classes

12:00-1:40—All 12 p.m. H-W-F and daily classes

2:00-3:40—All 2 p.m. T-Th classes

4:00-5:40—All 4 p.m. T-Th classes

Tuesday, May 13

8:00-9:40—All 9/9:30 T-Th classes

10:00-11:40—All 11 a.m. H-W-F and daily classes

12:00-1:40—All 1 p.m. H-W-F and daily classes

2:00-3:40—All 3 p.m. H-W-F and daily classes

Wednesday, May 14

8:00-9:40—All 8 a.m. T-Th classes

10:00-11:40—All 10 a.m. T-Th classes

12:00-1:40—All noon T-Th classes

Evening Classes

Tests are given the same night the class usually meets. For classes that meet on two different nights, the test will be given on Dec. 16/17

Senate meets for last time

Last night, the Missouri Southern Student Senate met for the final time of the year.

The meeting was really a picnic at which new officers were sworn in, and awards and gifts were given to old officers, faculty sponsors, and the most outstanding senator, the "Senator of the Year."

The Senator of the Year was Molly Swingle, freshman. Candidates for the award were Maggie Burdick, freshman; Bobby Johns, senior; Mark Mulik, freshman; and Swingle. Each of these senators had previously been given the Senator of the Month award.

Gifts were given to the former senate officers: Nick Harvill, president; Deb Noah, vice president; Lance Adams,

secretary; and Bryan Graves, treasurer. Also, gifts were given by the former officers to Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student affairs; and Doug Carnahan, assistant dean of students.

Carnahan claimed Harvill to have been the best Senate president of the past eight years.

The new Student Senate officers—Lance Adams, president; Lori LeBahn, vice president; Jill Cole, secretary; and Angela Noyes, treasurer, were sworn in by Carnahan. Each of the new officers have previously served as student senators.

The picnic's menu included steaks and hot dogs which were cooked by Carnahan, potato chips, and potato salad, left over from the Spring Fling.

Applications swamp College 122 apply for continuing education position

Advertisements placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* have resulted in 122 applications for the position of continuing education director at Missouri Southern.

"This fall Dr. [David] Bingman [director of continuing education] asked to be relieved as director, and asked permission to return to the classroom," said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs.

Bingman, who has been director of continuing education since the fall of 1974, will return to Southern's biology department, where he taught for 11 years. When he made his request to return to teaching it became necessary to search for a replacement.

"We received 122 applications from all over the United States," said Belk.

According to Belk, a committee consisting of 12 faculty members was formed to evaluate each application. Belk is serving as the chair of the committee.

"Two weeks ago we began reviewing

the applications of the candidates," he said. "We first reduced the number from 122 to 10. We then went back and reread those folders. We reduced the number of applications to 10, and Tuesday afternoon we reduced the number further to four or five."

"Beginning next week we will invite those candidates to campus for personal interviews," said Belk. "The second week of May we hope to hand the president a recommendation."

Belk said the committee has established certain qualities it hopes to find in the new director. The replacement should have skills in marketing and dealing with the media, and have considerable experience in higher education.

"Over half the candidates who applied held doctorate degrees, and half of those held their degree in continuing education or adult education," said Belk. "So we do feel we have a number of excellent candidates."



Haircut

Gary Mulkey, assistant professor of mathematics, takes advantage of the free haircuts given in the Lions' Den as part of Fool's Fest celebration. (Chart photo by Rick Evans)

MSTV, KXMI receive new staff member

Stiles will begin Monday

Beginning Monday, MSTV and KXMI will have a new staff member as Julie Stiles begins working as director of community services.

In this position, Stiles will have the responsibility of coordinating all programming and operations of Missouri Southern's two broadcast media outlets, MSTV and KXMI, as well as establishing and maintaining relations with city and county government officials as well as other community organizations producing programs to serve the community, and coordinating production of local programming for the new PBS station KOZJ.

While working toward her bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Stiles was active on campus. She worked with KOMU-TV and KBIA-FM as a reporter/producer. She was also a student assistant to Elmer L. Loefer, former president of ABC News.

For the past four years Stiles has been working with KOTV of Tulsa, Okla. There she served as weekday news producer and was in charge of producing evening newscasts. Prior to that she was the weekend producer and associate producer of weekday news. While at KOTV she also produced a feature program called *You and Your Health* and other special projects.

Richard Massa, head of the department of communications, said he was looking forward to having Stiles utilize her experience and knowledge at Southern.

"She will bring with her professional experience working in a larger market and working with a very large news department," said Massa.

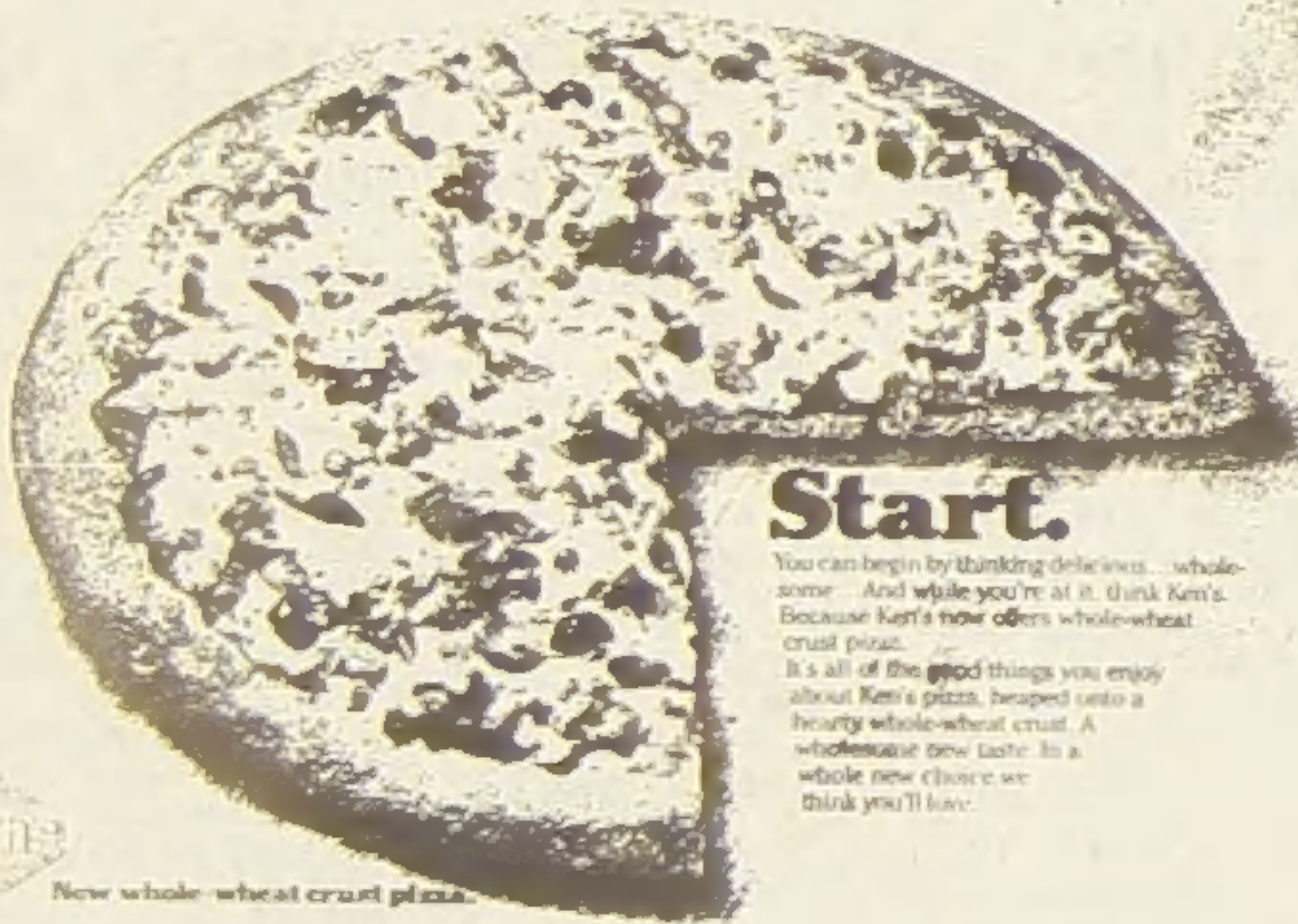
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Regents

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"This is a good public relations tool for the College," said Regent William Putnam. "It exposes people to the campus."

On his recommendation, the Board approved the facilities for the event.

The city of Joplin has requested Southern's approval for the widening of Duquesne Road. The Board moved to give the go-ahead, and it passed.

"It will approach a year for completion," said Shipman. "They will start on it this summer, and it will greatly benefit

Missouri Southern."

Regent Russell Smith brought up the possibility of adding more housing for the College's students. He moved that the possibility be explored by the College, and the motion passed. (See related story.)

Other items brought up in the meeting dealt with continuing education programs for area engineers. It was stated that a program would merely upgrade the engineers' knowledge, and would not be a degree program.

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OTC plans anniversary boat trip, awards event

Several events are planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of ROTC at Missouri Southern, including an awards ceremony and a float trip.

The awards ceremony is an annual presentation designed to recognize students who have shown academic and military excellence during the past year," Captain Thomas Hartnett of Missouri Southern's ROTC program.

The awards ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 2, in the Billingsly Student Center. Several awards will be given for different levels in the program. All students are to attend the ceremony. The selected cadets, Class A, will be in full uniform.

OTC is honored to present Brigadier General Robert Pennycook, Deputy Commander of the 102d U.S. Army Reserve Command, St. Louis, as its guest. Pennycook is a one-star general with over 25 years of service.

He will address the role of ROTC in the active and reserve components, and point out the desired qualities of leadership and officership," said Hartnett. Pennycook will present the awards for company not having a representative present. College President Julio Leon will address the cadets.

Another activity to take place will be the PT Test 3. All students at Southern are required to take part in the PT Test 3, which will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at the police academy.

The purpose of the test is to give a perspective as to where they [the students]

stand compared to the everyday person of their age," said Captain Ervin Langan, also of Southern's ROTC. "A sound body makes way for a sound mind."

The test will consist of pushups, situps, and a two-mile run. Following a chart for both men and women, students are graded according to their ability and time. Faculty members, local guards, and ROTC cadre will be the judges. Doug Carnahan, assistant dean of students, and Al Cade, assistant football coach, will be the graders.

"Soldiers in the Army must be able to take and pass this test twice a year," said Hartnett.

All students are also invited to join cadets and faculty in the float trip scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 3, at Max Big Rock Camp Ground in Pineville. A convoy will leave the police academy parking lot at 8 a.m.

ROTC students will pay \$7.50 and students not in ROTC will pay \$9.50. The float trip, a fish fry, and a campsite for those who wish to stay overnight will be covered by the initial payment. Payments are due by April 30.

All cadre, the Carnahan and Langan families, and hosts of others will be present.

"The purpose of the float trip is that we try to show our students that there is more to being in the Army than wearing the green suit. There is a social aspect to being in the Army," said Hartnett. "And we play just as hard as we work."



War days

Dr. F. Joe Sims studies momentos of his service on the U.S.S. Missouri. He will board the ship for the third time May 10. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Sims to board ship, again Professor to attend Missouri recommissioning

By Pat Halverson
Editor-in-chief

History will repeat itself when the U.S.S. Missouri, a World War II battleship, is recommissioned in San Francisco May 10.

Dr. F. Joe Sims, professor of music at Missouri Southern, will be on board for the dedication ceremonies, along with a delegation representing the state of Missouri.

Sims was aboard the ship when it was first commissioned in June 1944. He went on the shake-down cruise, served on the ship during the war, and was present for the signing of the peace treaty Sept. 2, 1945.

"I was excited," Sims said. "I was from Kansas, and had hardly been out of the state. I was stationed in Idaho, and felt very much out of the war—like I was not doing anything. I enjoyed the experience of being aboard the ship and being a part of the war effort."

Sims' job aboard the ship was primarily as a musician in the ship's band, which played for the entertainment of the crew.

"We rehearsed each day, and would play for the crew at the noon and evening mealtimes to keep up morale," Sims said. "If we were far enough away from the war zone that we could have lights, we played before films."

In addition to his job as a musician, Sims was required to serve as a lookout when on station duty.

"I was scared when a kamikazi plane crashed and hit the edge of the ship while I was an lookout duty," said Sims. "But I never got over the awesomeness of a 45,000-ton ship going through the severe weather and all the other things that happened with 2,500 men aboard."

"We were involved in the taking of Okinawa and in the final campaign off the coast of Japan where we bombarded the mainland with the nine 16-inch guns the ship carried."

After the war, the U.S.S. Missouri was retired, along with most other battleships used in World War II. Thousands of people came aboard the famous ship to see

the plaque commemorating the signing of the peace treaty.

Sims, in the Navy reserves, was called back to duty in 1950 during the Korean conflict. At that time, he was married, teaching school on an emergency certificate, and attempting to finish his college education.

"When I was called back, I was very bitter," he said. "I had gone back to school and was trying to finish. I was married and had two children; it was not an opportune time to leave."

The college Sims was attending, Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., cooperated and allowed him to graduate "in absentia" in May 1951.

"I actually left in January 1951, and was shocked when they sent me back to the Missouri. What disturbed me was there was an abundance of musicians, and many of us were not really needed."

Even though Sims was not happy to be back in the armed forces at the time, once he accepted it, the experience was used for his benefit.

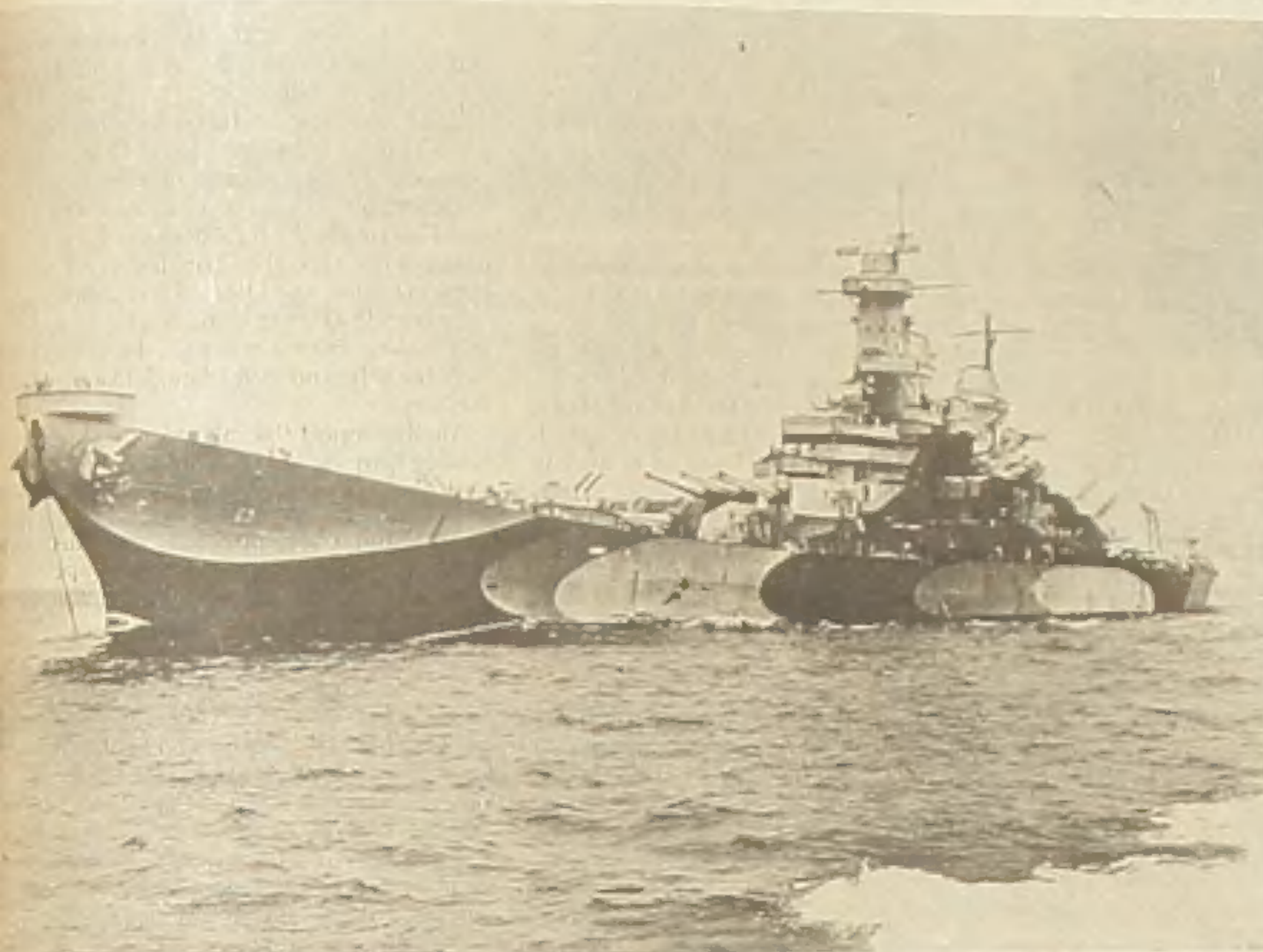
"I probably have my doctorate today because I had that much more GI Bill (by returning to the service), and used it to my advantage," he said. "I got out in 1952, and finished my master's degree at the University of Northern Colorado in the summer of 1954. I taught at Southwestern College that fall and started my doctorate in the summer of 1955."

"I continued every summer until I graduated in 1961 from the University of Oklahoma, and came to Southern from Southwestern in the fall of 1971. I saw a lot of the world I wouldn't have been able to see otherwise, and although it took a lot of time, it did not affect my career adversely."

When Sims found out the Missouri was to be recommissioned, he contacted Congressman Gene Taylor to inquire about the possibility of being invited to attend the dedication.

Sims said it seemed somewhat unique to have served on the ship twice, and to have lived in the state of Missouri for the last 15 years.

An official invitation arrived Monday.



Battleship

The U.S.S. Missouri as it appeared during World War II and the Korean conflict. The ship will be recommissioned in San Francisco next month and returned to duty.

Program records highest enrollment ever

Enrollment for the continuing education program at Missouri Southern is on the rise—it is now the highest ever in the history of the College.

According to Dr. David C. Bingman, director of continuing education, there are currently 1,369 students enrolled, and 186 classes will be offered during the spring semester with six more in the works. Bingman projects another 120 students to enroll, pushing the enrollment up to approximately 1,500. The previous high was 915 students in the spring of 1981.

Bingman pointed out that the spring semesters usually have higher enrollment

numbers than the fall semesters.

Of the initial courses offered when the program was first developed, one-third of those are still offered today.

Bingman, who has been in charge of the continuing education program since the start in 1974, said he is proud of the high enrollment.

Because he is returning to teaching next semester, this is his last semester as director of continuing education, but he believes the future of the program is "as bright as the sun," director perceives it to be.

Bingman believes there is reason to be

proud of Southern's continuing education classes.

Continuing education classes are mainly of a specialized nature, and are meant as a supplement to the regular college curriculum. Bingman said that while the College is offering 69 different classes, there are still some unaddressed educational needs in the service area.

Along with the classes offered on the campus, there are six off-campus classes offered in the area. These are in Lamar, Nevada, Mount Vernon, Neosho, and St. John's Regional Medical Center.

AVALON

Missouri Southern's Literary Magazine

AVALON is accepting materials (fiction, essays, letters, poetry, art, photography, and mixed-media) for its final spring semester edition.

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In the open

College needs more housing

With the dormitories at Missouri Southern being full year after year, the need for more housing in the immediate area becomes more and more clear.

If a student cannot get into the dormitories, the alternatives are very limited. Since Southern is on the outskirts of the city, rental houses, duplexes, apartments, and any other type of housing are difficult to find, especially for a new student.

One alternative would be the Lioncrest Apartments, located on the corner of Newman Road and Goetz Boulevard. The small, studio apartments are rented out for \$195 per month. When utility bills, telephone bills, and the other intangibles are added to that rate, living expenses exceed that even if the dormitories.

Another alternative would be the Royal Orleans Apartments, located behind the residence halls. Rent at these apartments exceeds that of Lioncrest. A one bedroom rents for \$240 a month, and a two bedroom goes for \$295 a month. Add to that the same bills as previously mentioned, and expenses are high.

This creates the need for either additional housing provided by the College, or more choices in apartments. There is plenty of room for the College to build additional dormitories or apartments, and this would even help enrollment, for who knows how many students turn away from Southern because of insufficient housing.

It would be in the best interest of the College to expand on the existing housing, not only for the students, but also for the College as a whole.

The Board of Regents has taken a positive step forward by suggesting that the College look into the addition of more dorms.

A wise move

Implementing an evaluation system at the College just goes to show that Missouri Southern is attempting to better itself. By evaluating the quality of education received by the students, the students are actually the ones who are gaining.

A program of this type has already proven itself a success at Northeast Missouri State University, which has gained nationwide acclaim, and also acclaim with the budgetary agencies of the state of Missouri.

This is not saying that Southern is doing it just because another institution is.

Southern is doing it because its administration is genuinely concerned with the quality of education students receive.

Since the program has proven effective, there is no reason why Southern should not implement a program of this type. No additional funding is needed, as the monies for implementation will come out of the regular budget provided by the state.

Another valuable aspect of the program is it can provide the College with an idea of the areas in which it is weak. By zeroing in on these weak areas, Southern will have the chance for self improvement.

All of the factors point in favor of Southern establishing and implementing a program for evaluation. The Faculty Senate and the administration should be commended on their decision.

STUDENT SERVICES

"Sorry—No vacancy"

Editor's Column:

Appearance of campus attracts editor

By Mark Ernstmann
Executive Manager

So, how did a guy from Springfield end up here in Joplin at Missouri Southern? Maybe even more significantly, WHY?

Why? Well, I'll tell you why.

The story picks up during the summer after my graduation from high school in Springfield. I had always planned on going to college, and was prepared to enter Southwest Missouri State University in the fall. However, in late July, I was hired by St. John's Regional Health Center in Springfield as a business office clerk.

The money was good for me at that time—\$5.67 per hour—plus I had a position of responsibility. After four weeks, and two large paychecks, I decided that I would rather continue to work full-time at the hospital than go to college.

In all honesty, I did not know what I wanted to do with my life, and really had no desire to attend SMSU at all.

So, I continued working in the business office for three months, when burn-out started to set in. I realized that there was nowhere for me to go, and my position had stagnated. Plus, I was getting frustrated with the money I was making. I am the type who wants to be rich, and have nice

things, and that is not really possible on only \$6 per hour. It may sound like a lot, but if you project it out for an entire year, it was barely \$10,000.

My parents had always been big on the idea of attending college, and had told me for years that if I wanted big bucks, a degree would be necessary. I finally opened my ears to them and decided to give it a try.

I decided the first thing I needed to do was get out of Springfield, and get away from all of the temptations that were present there for me. I researched many small colleges in the area, including Southern, and made plans to visit them.

After a telephone call to Mr. Richard Massa, head of the communications department, I headed west on I-44 for Joplin. I wanted to work in the area of public relations, and a communications degree was what I wanted.

I had no idea where the school was actually located, so I just drove down Range Line until I saw a sign that said Missouri Southern, next right.

The first glimpse of Southern I got was that neat sign out front with the name on it. I was impressed, really.

I was also impressed with the physical appearance of the campus. The rolling green hills and the full, green trees caught my eyes instantly, and I said, "This is where I want to go."

My meeting with Mr. Massa confirmed my first thoughts. After a nice visit with him and a complete tour of the communications department facilities, my mind was really made up.

I was impressed with Mr. Massa's general concern and friendliness, and still give him full credit for getting me here.

After my visit to Southern, I did not even write or visit any of the other colleges I had selected as prospects. I was sold on Southern.

During my first semester at Southern, I knew that I had made the right decision. I was a person here, not just a social security number. Instructors knew my name, and I knew theirs. Fellow students were friendly (they still are, don't get me wrong), and making friends was easy. Faculty members were friendly, and seemed more like friends than teachers.

Another aspect that played a large part in my coming here was the fact that the school and city were small. I knew that at a small institution I would get more individual attention, and that I would have the chance to be more involved. The small city would not provide me with outside distractions, and studying would come easily, for lack of nothing else to do. Man, I turned out to be a prophet with that idea.

On the whole, my move to Joplin and to Southern has been rather easy. The school and the city have been good to me, and I appreciate what I now have. I have now been here for over a year-and-a-half, and still feel the same way I did that first day.

As I was walking home down Newman Road the other day, I passed in front of the campus and thought, "Man, what a neat sign."

In Perspective:

Choice of major study difficult for many

By Gene C. Mouser
Director of Counseling and Testing

What's your major—what's your major—what's your major. That seems to be the primary opener for a conversation, a way to meet someone of the opposite sex, a way to pass time, or to encourage someone to ask you about your major, (which by the way, may be cytotechnology as you are presently working as a phlebotomist and just love your work). In any event, everyone in college seems to be deeply interested in the other person's ma-

ior, and the chances are many are not too sure of their own choice.

The U.S. Department of Labor has occupational classification and definitions for over 20,000 occupations available in the U.S. They even have a nine-digit code system for locating or identifying the multitude of jobs. How in the world can a person be acquainted with so many ways of making a livelihood? In short, they can't. How we go about selecting a college major begins when we first notice the work done by others, or listen to our parents' comments about their work and later by school subjects, part-time work experiences, books, television, and peer groups. We are prone to accept the values of others, especially at early ages, and an offhand comment about menial labor, how

boring a job must be, the unimpressive nature of a job can become firmly fixed in a child's value system.

In working with incoming freshmen I am frequently impressed with how knowledgeable some students are about the "real" world of work. They are aware of the responsibilities, the skills and abilities needed, and the financial and personal rewards of the work that they will be doing upon graduation. This is more noticeable in some of the technical areas than the typical four year programs. Many students, however, have only vague information and unrealistic expectations of their

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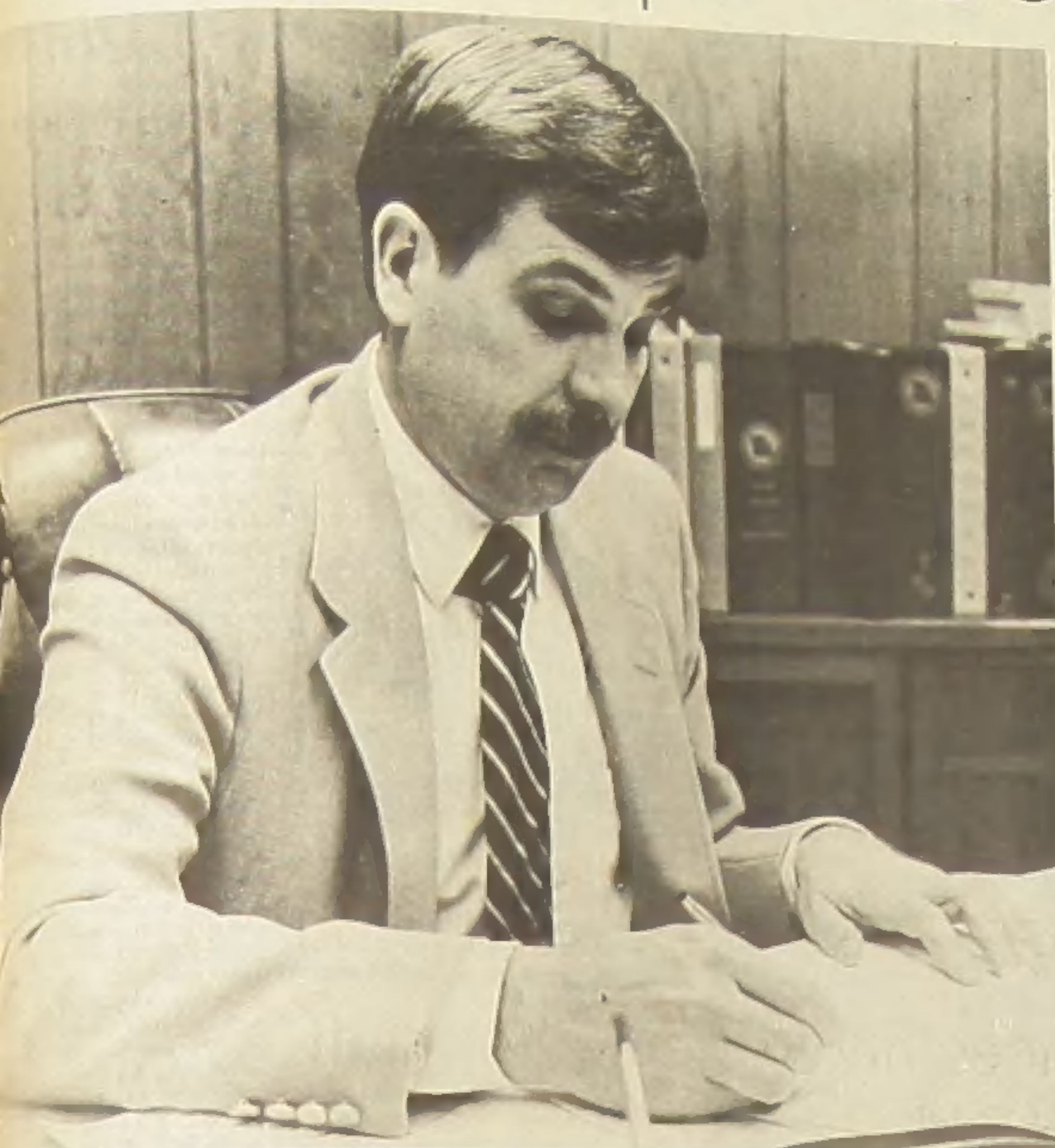
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An in-depth look



Advice

James Shoemake, superintendent of Joplin R-8 schools, suggests to individuals seeking employment to limit their resumes to two pages and to be specific about their training. Applicants should also list references which tells about their professional experience.

Best bet: 'Go where the jobs are'

Graduates must prepare to relocate

Finding a job after graduation may be a difficult task, but many jobs are available in certain areas of employment.

Robson, employer service representative at Joplin Job Service, believes there will be many openings in service-type occupations.

There should be a lot of jobs as nurses, accountants, and in the health field," said Robson. "Physical therapists are few and far between that I think you could find a job immediately."

Robson also listed the fast-food industry, auditors, engineers, and scientists as open areas of employment.

"Competition is keen," he said. "You have to sell yourself."

This time of year more jobs are available. When the interest rates come

down that increases the number of jobs."

Lorine Miner, director of placement at Missouri Southern, echoed many of Robson's beliefs.

"In this part of the country, the most open job areas are in the computer science area and math-related jobs," said Miner. "Engineering is good. Any of the health areas like nurses are wide open."

Miner said she believes many of the graduates may have to move to find work.

"There are jobs in all fields," she said. "Graduates need to be prepared to relocate in search of a job. You have to go where the jobs are."

According to Miner, many employers hire new employees between February and May. She said many teachers are hired during the summer months.

While some areas are more open than

they once were, there are areas that are not popular right now, Robson said he expects "intense competition" for jobs such as teachers and librarians.

"Technical advances have decreased the number of jobs," he said. "Machines have taken a lot of the jobs that were once done by people. This has happened in agriculture. They have better tools than they used to."

Robson said that a college education is beneficial to the job seeker.

"The College offers the students good training for the job market," he said. "Southern has some good programs."

Out of Southern's 486 graduates in 1985, 76 per cent were employed as of last fall. Fifty-seven of those graduates were unemployed.

Employers offer advice to job-seeking students

Positive attitude, proper grooming important

By Nancy Putnam
Associate Editor

Spring—a time when young graduates turn their thoughts away from classes to seeking that long-awaited job. One can almost now hear the tapping of typewriters as seniors prepare their resumes to send out around the country.

After spending four or more years in the somewhat comfortable confines of Missouri Southern, entering the job market can be an unnerving experience. Personnel managers and other people who help hire for their organizations are perhaps best aware of the pitfalls graduates might fall into, and are open in their advice to these individuals.

Richard Bergen, personnel manager for Eagle-Picher Industries in Joplin, echoed the opinions of others by pointing out that the best impression a person can make is by having a positive attitude. Among its six area plants, Eagle-Picher is a major employer in the Joplin area by hiring some 200 people each year.

"I like someone who is positive," said Bergen. "I can usually tell in just talking to them what their attitude is."

"We don't want individuals who have never been happy at a position," said Mike Carder, plant personnel manager for

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Tamko Asphalt Products

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In sending out resumes the general rules are to keep it short, but be specific in what experience and training one has.

James Shoemake, superintendent of Joplin R-8 schools, said, "Limit the resume to two pages and be very specific about the training you have had. Also, list good references that can tell about your professional experience."

In listing references, many experts believe it is a good idea to leave off those that can give only character references (such as ministers or neighbors) and include those that can give information about one's work and school experience.

Updating resumes and following up on them can be the difference in whether one is hired, according to Sheila Hanrahan,

personnel manager for Motorola.

"Companies may keep resumes on file for several months. Updating them by calling or sending letters increases your chances of being hired," said Hanrahan.

Shoemake said he would also advise people to "stay in contact with the person doing the hiring in the district that you want to work in for opportunities that might mean employment."

One of the most frequent complaints by those hiring is the applicant's lack of proper grooming or poor personal appearance during the actual interview. When interviewing it is essential to dress as one would for the job one is applying for.

"People seem to take care of their job the same way they take care of themselves," said Bergen. "Some first impressions are not always right, but they are very influential."

Bud Headlee, personnel manager for Wal-Mart, said one of the factors that discourages him was applicants not dressing properly for the type of job they are seeking.

"You don't want to wear a three-piece suit if that isn't what the job calls for," said Headlee.

"In production I don't look for a guy in a three-piece suit," said Carder. "How they show up for the interview is more important. I check to see if he is late, if he slouches, has good eye contact, pays attention, and has a good mental alertness."

Personal characteristics play an important part in the interviewer's opinion of an individual. Some negative personality traits mentioned are being too pushy, having poor communication skills, a lack of ambition, and shyness.

"I dislike pushy people," said Bergen.

"Some people have a tendency to go overboard. I don't think a person should be timid. This might sound like a contradiction, but a person shouldn't oversell themselves."

"I don't like people pushing my receptionist by telling them they have an appointment to see me when they don't," said Hanrahan. "I expect people to be a little bit pushy, but not that much."

"Being in personnel and by doing some recruiting on college campuses, one of the things I see is the lack of personal skills," explained Carder. "This isn't something you may learn in college, but they are going to have to work to develop business skills to communicate and not be offensive to people."

Perhaps the most impressive actions one can take in making a good impression are two that are often still overlooked: maintaining eye contact with the interviewer and giving a good, firm handshake.

"If a guy won't look you in the eye, you don't know if he is telling the truth," said Carder.

"When you introduce yourself, give a nice handshake, not a wet fish type," said Headlee.

Tips on preparing resumes

Preparing a selling resume can be the most difficult writing chore of one's college career, but it doesn't have to be. The resume must contain many details, but brevity is the main point to remember.

Employers receive hundreds of resumes each week, so concisely-stated qualifications and a form that provides rapid reading is essential.

Although there is no one correct form, one should use different headings for various types of information, and use uniform indentations for the information. Information in any list should be put together in divisions that can include education, extra-curricular activities, work experience, and honors or achievements.

Above all else, accuracy in facts, punctuation, and grammar is essential.

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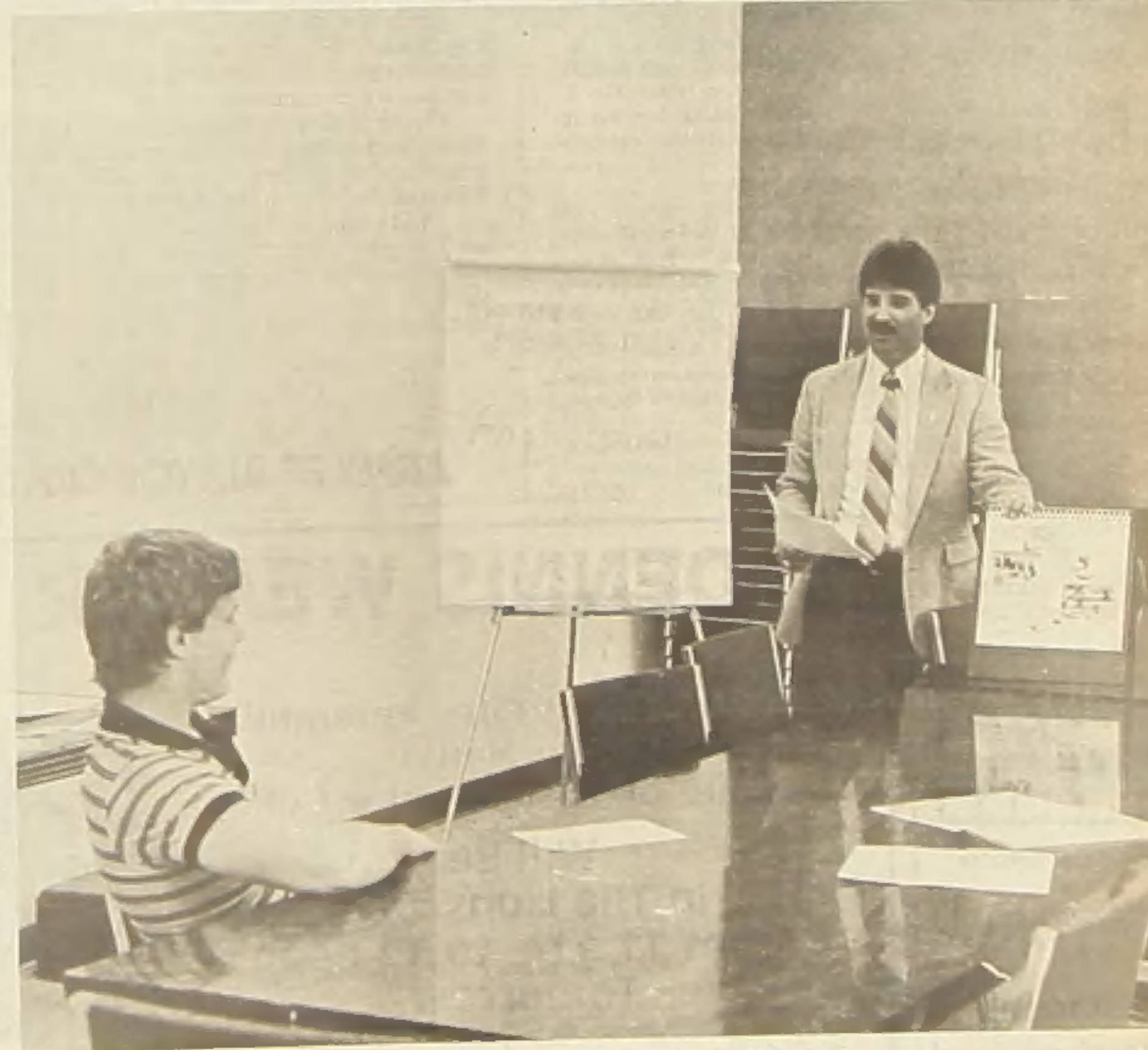
selected major, while others believe they should be in college but are very unsure of possible vocations available to them.

The counseling staff is well equipped, through education, printed material, personal sources, and computer information, to be of assistance to students in exploring their interest pattern, their personal values, and assessing some abilities consistent with given occupations. Mid-semester classes are offered frequently that allow the student to explore interests, abilities, and occupational information. These classes are taught by members of the counseling staff. Although assistance by the counselors has proven to be valuable to many students the faculty can be of help by mentioning occupations related to their respective disciplines.

The teacher that will occasionally mention the work done by a former student now working as an actuary, oral historian,

a graduate student, the steps in management training, or the many other possibilities within a major field will certainly enrich our students' understanding of how the particular discipline contributes to the world of work. How often have I heard a student say that they enjoyed mathematics but did not want to be a teacher. They had little knowledge of the great variety of occupations available to those with math skills other than teaching. Such stories can be related for most of the majors offered at MSSC.

Students that have a major selected that is compatible with their abilities, values, and interests and are knowledgeable of the rewards and personal satisfactions of their selected occupation prove to be better students and stay in college until graduation. Relating such information is the responsibility of all of the faculty and staff in their everyday contact with our students.



Interviews

A representative from the Royal Heritage Company was on campus last Thursday to interview students for job openings. During the year many such interviews are scheduled through Missouri Southern's placement office. (Chart photo by Pat Halverson)

Upcoming Events



Campus Crusade for Christ

11 a.m.-Noon and
1 p.m.-2 p.m.
Tuesday
BSC Room 306

Chess Club

Noon today
Reynolds Hall, Rm. 311

English Club

noon - 4 p.m. today
BSC Room 311

International Club

3 p.m.-4 p.m.
Wednesday
3rd Floor BSC

Koinonia

7 p.m. Tuesday
College Heights
Christian Church

PBL

12:20 p.m. today
BSC Room 314

Social Science

Seminar-Model

United Nations

Organizational
meeting to be held
12:45 p.m. Tuesday
Room L-06

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Deadlines

Dec. 1986 Grads:
Deadline for filing
is May 1.
Register in Placement
Office, BSC, Room 207

July 1986 Grads:
Those not yet filed
are too late, and will
be pushed back
to December.

Job Interviews

Today: Division
of Personnel
Services.
Seminar at 11:30 a.m.
in BSC, Room 306.

Tuesday: Kansas City
School System



at Barn Theatre

Witness

starring

Harrison Ford

April 29 and May 1

Around campus

Adams triumphs in Senate elections

LeBahn, Cole, Noyes also prevail

With over 300 students voting, Lance Adams defeated incumbent Nick Harvill by 24 votes to become the 1986-87 Student Senate president.

"It was the largest election turnout in the history of the school," said Deborah Noah, co-chairperson of the election committee. "Approximately 10 per cent of the full-time students voted."

Adams received 174 votes to Harvill's 150. Lori LeBahn received 215 votes, as opposed to Leasa Ryn's 122 in the race for vice president. Jill Cole was elected secretary of the Senate, and Angela Noyes will take over the duties of treasurer.

The new officers were sworn in at the Senate meeting last night. Following the awards presentation, there was a picnic and softball practice. The Senate will square off against the Campus Activities Board in a softball game Sunday afternoon.

Adams attributes the large voting turnout to the new election committee that was set up by the Senate. Bryan Graves was the other co-chairperson of the committee.

"The new election committee did a good job of publicizing the election," said Adams. "And we had quite a bit of help from the senators."

"This year we had a roving ballot box. The second day of the election, the ballot box was moved to four different locations on campus," said Adams.

Noah said the moving ballot box really helped, especially during the primary.

"I think it is good to see the students get involved as they did. I would like to see the numbers increase," said Adams. "Due to the larger turnout, being elected to the office has a greater meaning."

Adams' major concern is to get the students more involved. He would like to have a student agenda during the Senate meetings, so students would come and give their new ideas, make complaints, and what is taking place. Adams believes that problems would be solved more quickly if students would actually come to the meetings and voice their opinions and ideas.



Lori LeBahn campaigns for the office of Student Senate vice president Tuesday in front of Hearn's Hall. LeBahn's efforts resulted in a victory over her opponent. (Chart photo by Pat Halverson)

Psi Chi promotes psychology

Advancing the science of psychology is the main purpose of the organization Psi Chi.

"Other purposes of Psi Chi include trying to encourage students to stimulate, and maintain a relationship of individual group membership in all fields, particularly psychology," said Laura Morris, secretary of the group. "Our group has represented the campus of Missouri Southern, but has not really interacted with it."

Psi Chi is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association, a national honor society in psychology.

Before the fall of 1980, Missouri Southern's psychology department sponsored an organization called the Psychology Club. In October 1980, the department involved in with the national affiliate of Psi Chi. Thus, the Psychology Club "changed" to Psi Chi.

Membership requirements for the group include that the person seeking membership have completed eight credit hours in psychology, or have completed four hours and enrolled in at least two more hours of psychology, and registered for a major or minor in psychology. For an associate membership, all that is required is an interest in psychology.

"Psi Chi is a professional type group," said Morris. "It is not one of our main goals to influence the campus, but the activities we have are fully supported by the members and the faculty of the psychology department."

The faculty sponsor of the group is Dr. Betsy Griffin, associate professor of psychology. Officers include Autumn Aquino, president; Susan Schatz, vice president; Cathy Szot, treasurer; and Morris, secretary. The group has about 20 active members.

Psi Chi's activities generally include social events, such as picnics, gatherings, holiday parties, and picnics. Other activities include psychology-related projects, such as a field trip to Thurman Keller Adolescent Center on April 17.

Freeman announces new orientation staff

'Well-balanced' group includes 26 first-time leaders; Harvill is student director

Although the college orientation program was designed to introduce newcomers to college life, the program also provides a leadership program for experienced students.

Elaine Freeman, director of college orientation, believes the program is important to all persons with no college background.

"It provides a peer leadership program," she said. "It gives incoming freshmen a successful role model. The goal of the program is to provide a support system. They also learn some survival skills necessary for getting through school."

The 39 student orientation leaders will meet for a cookout later this spring. In August, they will also

attend a leadership retreat at Lake Pomme de Terre, north of Bolivar.

"Leadership training has been beneficial for the leaders," said Freeman. "Both the freshmen and the leader find the experience useful."

First-time leaders will receive two hours of upper division credit, and those who have led a group before will receive one additional credit.

Of the 39 leaders, 13 have been orientation leaders once before. Each leader will have 15 to 20 students.

"This provides a well-balanced staff," said Freeman. "The experienced group can help the new leaders."

Nick Harvill, a senior history major, has been named student director of the program.

The other orientation leaders are Lance Adams, Greenfield; Brenda Baier, Joplin; Stacy Lynne Belcher, Webb City; Bill Bentz, Neosho; Jeff Bradley, Neosho; Joelle Burns, Webb City; Chris Carlton, Carthage; Teresa Christenberry, Saginaw; Jill Cole, Jasper; Dusty Devillier, Carthage; Mark Ernstmann, Springfield; Jennell Fredrick, Everton; JoAnn Freeborn, Neosho; Julie Gayman, Schell City; Tom Greeding, Seneca; Karen Hill, Cassville; JoAnn Hollis, Joplin; Keri James, Bronaugh; Melissa Landers, Pineville; Lori LeBahn, Joplin; Lisa McKinley,

Nevada; Shaun LePage, Joplin; Rob Luther, Marshall, Ark.; Joyce Mason, Neosho; Martha Melton, Pineville; Lori Mitchell, Irving, Ill.; Laura Morris, Neosho; Nancy Nichols, Carthage; Angela Noyes, Liberal; Sherri Phipps, Carthage; Nancy Putnam, Joplin; Leasa Ryn, Carthage; Tresa Ryn, Carthage; Brent Souter, Joplin; James Testerman, Carl Junction; Vikki Vernon, Joplin; David Watkins, Grandview; LaNita Wilhelm, Golden City.

"I expect an outstanding year," said Freeman. "It's a big time commitment for the leaders, but they feel it is worth it."

Club to grant \$200 award

In honoring Mrs. Ella Massa and the late Columbo Massa, the Communications Club will present the "Excellence in Communications" scholarship.

The scholarship will be presented at the Communication Club's banquet on Friday, May 2.

Last year's scholarship was in honor of Cletis Headlee, assistant professor of English and former adviser of The Chart.

The scholarship winner will receive \$200, divided equally between two semesters. Jean Campbell, last year's winner, was the first to receive the scholarship.

Students may pick up scholarship applications in Room 115 of Hearn's Hall. Completed applications must be turned in by noon tomorrow.

A committee, which will include senior communications majors, will select the recipient.

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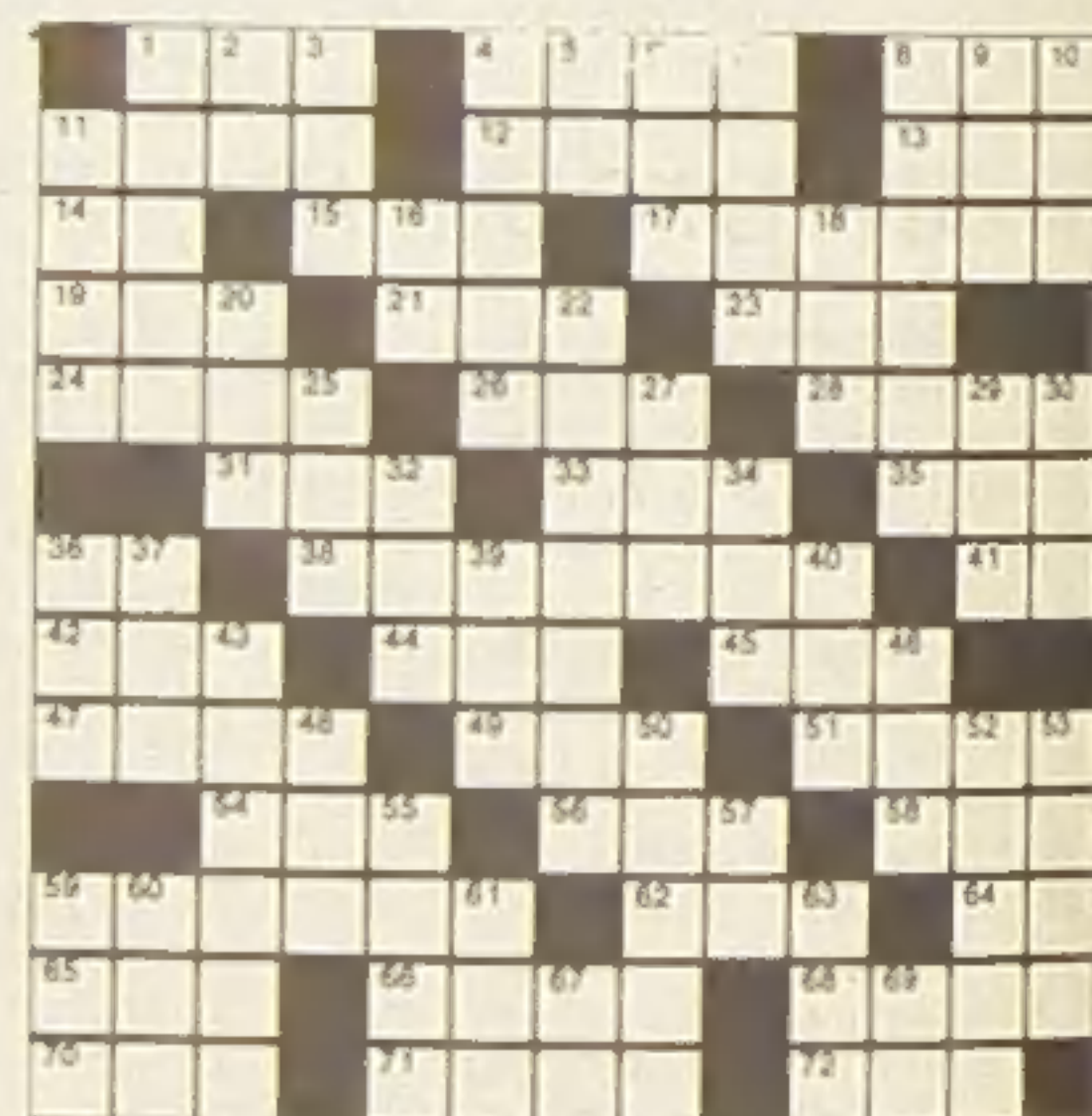
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- 6 Ill lightly
- 11 In addition
- 12 Out of love
- 13 The self
- 14 French article
- 15 Cushion
- 17 Ached
- 19 Grain
- 21 Short sleep
- 23 Southwestern Indian
- 24 Paradise
- 26 Conducted
- 28 Antlered animal
- 31 Name
- 33 Born
- 35 Health resort
- 38 Own
- 41 Teutonic deity
- 42 Simpleton
- 44 Unit of Portuguese currency
- 45 Dance step
- 47 Boast
- 49 Hall
- 51 Stone structure
- 54 Hindu cymbals

DOWN

- 1 Bird
- 2 Quality
- 3 Cover
- 4 Foot lever
- 5 Owner's risk
- 6 Burst
- 7 Brother of Jacob
- 8 Doctrines
- 9 Mature
- 10 Seed container
- 11 Century plant
- 18 Article
- 19 Possessive pronoun
- 20 Spread for drying
- 22 Dreamily

- 25 Pinch
- 27 River in Scotland
- 28 Simian
- 30 Long, slender fish
- 32 Neither's partner
- 34 The sixth sense
- 36 Cry
- 37 Paddle
- 39 Ocean
- 40 Carpenter's tool
- 43 More obese
- 46 Sodium chloride
- 48 Ship channel
- 50 Choose
- 52 Smallest number
- 53 Crippled
- 55 Page of book
- 57 Symbol for aluminum
- 59 Weaken
- 60 Greek letter
- 61 Cloth measure
- 63 Beer barrel
- 67 Babylonian deity
- 69 Behold!

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Turk travels to Russia; treasures experience

"I didn't take a million dollars for my trip to the Soviet Union, and if I had a million dollars, I couldn't do it again," said Beverly Turk.

Turk and her husband, Bill, who is a professor at Missouri Southern, visited the Soviet Union during the height of the detente. They said they would have thought the trip was "insane" had they told them a year before that they would be in the Soviet Union.

Turks, who live in the Mount Vernon area, work about three days per week for the University World Travel in Springfield. Turk was promoted from his position as superintendent of the Greenfield School System to his current position about 31 years ago.

At the same time Beverly left her position as coordinator of federal projects for the Greenfield School System. They made moves so they could get more involved in their travel interests, rental properties and cattle business.

"I never had much desire to go there, but when I was, there were days I was sure I couldn't absorb it all," she said of Russia. In 1973, 12 education administrators were chosen nationwide for the International Field Study Program. Their wives went along if they paid their own way.

Beverly Turk is the state editor and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International, a teachers' honor society newsletter. She said there are about 160,000 members total, 4,300 of which are in Missouri. At the international conventions in 1978 and 1980, she was on the international communication committee serving the southwest region of the United States. In the convention in 1976, she was named as editor for the daily newsletter, and conducted workshops in Salt Lake City, Dallas and Chicago as a member of the committee.

In the Soviet Union, the educator has found her "ultimate profession," she said. "They are like doctors." On the trip their guide was a Russian who had also been host for Ron Sieglar, Nixon's press party. He was an orphan, reared by the state, said Turk. "He had no sense of humor. As individuals, on one to one they were warm and friendly."

"I was met with local teachers in 'houses of friendship' to exchange ideas, and they were always welcomed with greetings to your teachers and a message of peace to your people."

"They do not want war," she said. "They are the atrocities of war closer than we are. They've experienced sieges, revolutions and the great patriotic war of '41, as we call it."

"When I asked a person if he were a communist, he or she would reply, 'No, it is not political,'" said Turk. "One told me, 'In my father's day, there were no schools, no jobs, no homes, and the streets were empty. Now, everyone is educated, has a job, has a roof over his head and for the first time in the history of Russia, the peoples' stomachs are full. This is the reason, and this reason alone, we reject Communism.'"

The field study group visited schools

from kindergarten through graduate school, as well as historical places in five cities over the 23-day visit.

"There was a party secretary in every school and factory," said Turk. "He or she would take care of any discipline problems."

"For example, if a child, perhaps, doesn't study and earn grades to his full potential, he is first warned. The second action is to tell the parents. If the problem persists, the family is sent to a region of lesser population, like the deserts of Asia or Siberia. They have very few disciplinary problems."

"At 56 days old, the children are sent to nurseries for the day, and their mothers are sent back to work," she said. "By the end of the second grade it is decided who has special talents and will go on to a foreign language, athletics, art and music, or school. If you are not chosen, too bad—you never get another chance. In eighth grade, it is decided if you should go to work, go to trade school, or go on in school. You get no choice of where to work. They'll let you know where to go."

According to Turk, the schools were tough.

"I spoke to a 14-year-old boy who said he studied five hours a night," she said. She also said that censorship plays a role in their education.

"The literature is heavily censored," she said.

Evidence of this was shown by the fact that the group was not allowed to take any reading material into the country.

"Most children are taught English," said Turk. "The party officials knew it, for sure, but had interpreters anyway. This was probably to give them more time to think about their answers. They were secretive, even paranoid. They had been taught that Americans want war."

"We found radio bugs in our rooms the first night," she said. "We learned a code and only said nice things. We had to tell the guide if we wanted to go out for a walk. On the other hand, there was little crime with armed guards walking the streets."

"The trip gave me a greater appreciation for our schools and our way of life," she concluded. "We'd like to go back, but there are so many places we haven't been. I've yearned to go to China since childhood."

Turk has given 60 slide programs to over 10,000 people across southwest Missouri, and has written a series of articles for the Greenfield Vedette, which was later published in paperback form.

"In 1975, I became president of the Beta Lambda chapter that four of us formed in Greenfield," she said. "I was recently elected president again."

Acting as the chairman of the ladies executive board at Grace Episcopal Church in Carthage, she and her husband are co-chairpersons of the committee of social concerns.

"We are members of the choir," said Turk. "I can sing if I stand between two very strong altos."



(Top) Russian Nest Dolls, also called Mama Dolls, are appropriately named due to the fact that each doll fits into the next larger sized doll. The four sets which are pictured above are hand painted and were purchased by Beverly Turk in Moscow. (Bottom left) Dating back over 100 years, this antique teapot, which is called a samovar, came from the Republic of Georgia in Russia. (Bottom right) The bear, the symbol of Russia, is depicted as a mild-mannered creature eating porridge in this handcrafted wood figure from Leningrad.



Beverly Turk points out the intricate detail on a set of hand embroidered pillow cases which she brought back from the Ukraine. Turk had the fortune to tour Russia with a group of 12 education administrators in 1974. Finding the country intriguing and being an avid traveler, Turk expressed an interest in returning for another visit.

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City/State news



Ready for restoration

The Joplin Union Depot, located along the Kansas City Southern main line in downtown Joplin. Abandoned in the 1950's, the building has been left to decay. Vandals, mother nature, and fires have taken their toll on the structure, but recent actions by Historic Properties, Incorporated could lead to restoration. Plans for renovation include spaces for shops, offices, health care services, and possibly a restaurant. (Chart photo by Martin Oetting)

Senate addresses banking, crime bills

JEFFERSON CITY—Considering issues as varied as crime, adoption, horse racing, banking, and abortion, the Missouri Senate plowed through another long list of pending legislation this week.

Since final adjournment is April 30, lawmakers are scurrying to get their proposals through now to avoid last-minute roadblocks.

Regional banking topped the agenda, with a bill sponsored by Senate President Pro Tem John E. Scott (D-St. Louis) receiving final approval. The measure allowed bank holding companies in Missouri's eight neighboring states to buy banks in the state if state banks would be given similar privileges.

Scott said the regional banking system would be good for Missouri because it already had a strong banking system. "Missouri could become the center of a financial district here in the midwest," he said.

A bill granting similar rights to savings and loan associations also was sent to the governor along with a measure to get the state's new horse racing system operating. Campaign reform also claimed the leg-

islative limelight again this week as the Senate reconsidered a measure that failed by one vote last week. Passing its second round 18-14, the bill would limit campaign spending in statewide elections, like the governor's race, and set up an income tax checkoff to provide public funding. Candidates that accepted public financing would have to agree to strict spending limitations.

In addition, the legislation included provisions to make Missouri's new presidential primary system permanent beginning in 1992. Both issues would require state voter approval to become law.

After two hours of sometimes heated debate, the Senate went on record, 23-5, to ban the use of public money or state facilities and employees to perform abortions—except to save the mother's life.

Supporters said the bill was not designed to prevent anyone from having an abortion, but only to prevent tax money from being spent on these procedures. Opponents said the bill would cause legal problems and might encourage harassment of those who provided abortions.

The bill now will be sent back to the House, which already approved a less restrictive version of the measure.

Other bills passed by the Senate but still needing House approval would:

- Outlaw dangerous weapons known as stun guns, throwing stars, and new spring-loaded ballistic knives, and give the highway patrol authority to arrest and investigate in terrorist and hostage situations.
- Make it easier for adoptees to gain access to information about their natural parents, especially in cases involving medical emergencies.
- Set up a task force to help relieve local economic problems caused by plant closings.
- Require the state to keep close track of head and spinal cord injuries so it can help those who suffer long-term effects.
- Reduce state regulation of the trucking industry.
- Allow Kansas City to increase the salaries of its police officers.

Council votes to back restoration of depot

City will provide 10 per cent of funding

Plans to restore the Joplin Union Depot and an effort to obtain recognition for the tri-state area miners dominated Monday's meeting of the Joplin City Council.

Nancy Allman, of Historic Properties, Inc., was granted \$125,000 of the \$250,000 requested from community development funds by a vote of 7-2. The funds will be used for the acquisition and renovation of the 75-year-old Joplin Union Depot near First and Main streets in Joplin.

The badly deteriorating depot is the on-

who helped in the war," Willis said. "I am against any civilian getting the Congressional Medal of Honor. It would be like giving everyone a degree from the school."

Poole requested that the City Council prepare a letter supporting his efforts to obtain recognition for miners of the state district and their contribution to the war effort in providing the material needed to win the war.

Phillip Holmes also spoke against the proposal.

"The building is steeped in Joplin history... and I want to see it restored. The depot belongs to all of us—it is a part of our past, and could be a part of our future."

—Nancy Allman

ly historical building in Joplin on the National Registry of Historical Places.

"The building is steeped in Joplin history," Allman said. "and I want to see it restored. The depot belongs to all of us—it is a part of our past, and could be a part of our future."

Although Council members favored the renovation project, most felt the \$250,000 requested by Allman was more than the city could afford from the total of \$602,000 in federal development funds earmarked for Joplin.

Vernon Sigars, long-time resident of Joplin, also encouraged the project.

"There is no question about the project being worthwhile," said Sigars. "It is the only one (historical building) we have left; we've let all the others go."

Funding for the building by the City Council, 10 per cent of the total funds necessary for the project, will be made available after all other funds necessary for the renovation project are secured.

Allman plans to rent space in the building to community service agencies or groups providing an outpatient clinic for middle and low-income residents of the Joplin area. The lobby and gardens would be open to the public.

The project has been endorsed by officials of the state office for historic preservation. Allman said after the Council meeting that she expected to be able to raise the remainder of the funds needed for the project.

James Willis, Jasper County assessor and Joplin resident, represented a group of veterans speaking against a proposal by Larry Poole, Picher, Okla., to petition Congress to award a Congressional Medal of Honor to miners of the area as a group. "We appreciate every man and woman

"It may be high time, in the 113th anniversary of Joplin, the hub of mining, that we establish another part of the miner, but the Congressional Medal of Honor—no way."

Councilman William Searce recommended Poole for his action, but awarding the military honor to civilians would "dilute the meaning" of the award.

Searce suggested a letter be written an award on a civilian basis and for "military medals for military valor and civilian medals for civilian valor."

Mayor Donald Clark and the Council agreed to draw up a letter supporting civilian award for miners.

Other action by the Council included the approval of a contract authorizing a contract with the Missouri American Water Company for the extension of water line to the new Shoal Creek power plant. A contract with Rainey Roofing Company for \$7,600 for the re-roofing approximately 2,705 square feet of the animal building at the Joplin Municipal Airport was also approved.

Measures relating to the establishment of two psychiatric group homes by Ozark Center was tabled until the May meeting.

During an informal pre-Council session, Council members agreed to review an agreement between Joplin Health Care, Inc. and the city for city services to the nursing home at the next Council meeting.

According to Harold McCoy, acting city manager, the nursing home will seek annexation but is requesting city services until an election can be held. The nursing home would pay the city funds equaling the amount it would pay in taxes for the services.

State economic council predicts 3.6% growth

Panel predicts 6.9% growth for fiscal year 1987

Predictions from the Missouri Council of Economic Advisors show state general revenue will grow by 3.4 per cent from fiscal year 1985, and by 6.9 per cent in fiscal year 1987.

The panel, made up of economists and established by Missouri Treasurer Wendell Bailey, released the information this week.

According to Jeff Olson, chairperson of the Council, the revenue projection for FY 1987 includes \$106 million from the state lottery. This estimate is 23 per cent above the original administration estimate of \$86 million.

"Members of the revenue estimating committee are independent," said Bailey. "We are offering these findings to help state government plan for Missouri's future. I think their forecast can be particularly beneficial these last weeks of the legislative session."

"Original forecasts by the committee were higher."

"The Council has revised downward its FY86 and FY87 revenue forecasts by about \$100 million in each year," said Olson. "Receipts in the first three months of 1986 were disappointing. Also, revised projections for even lower inflation and interest rates will cause weaker revenue growth. With prices and income rising at a slower pace, sales and income tax receipts will be more sluggish. While lower inflation is good news for consumers, it requires a deliberate adjustment in state spending plans."

The Council is forecasting continued modest economic growth, both in the U.S. and in Missouri. Real GNP growth in FY86 was estimated by the Committee to be 2.1 per cent, substantially below the 6.5 per cent and 4.2 per cent growth experienced in FY84 and FY85, respectively.

Revenue estimates were generated using a consensus of the Council's forecasts for the U.S. and Missouri economies. These included projections for growth in Real GNP, inflation, short-term interest rates, and growth in corporate profits on the national level; and growth in personal income, retail sales growth, and employment growth on the state level.

The Missouri Council of Economic Advisors is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical group of economists established with the cooperation of the state treasurer's office. These economists volunteer their time and considerable expertise in economics and forecasting. The Council's purpose is to provide timely and accurate revenue projections for use in planning by the executive and legislative branches of Missouri state government. The members of the Council are professional economists representing a wide range of private, academic, and government institutions in Missouri, all of which are politically independent of the direct budget-making decision process.

Members include chairman Jeff Olson of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; Ken Carraro of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; Norm Coates of Ralston-Purina Company; Tom Kruckemeyer of the office of administration, division of budget and planning; Larry Meyer of Washington University and Laurence H. Meyer & Associates; Steve Mullin of the City of St. Louis; Ken Obrecht of Farm Credit Banks of St. Louis; Gerald Olson of the University of Missouri-Kansas City; Ed Robb of the University of Missouri-Columbia; and Tim Smith of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.



New business in town

Construction workers have completed most of the exterior of the Kmart department store being built on Range Line near 20th Street. Once inner wiring and finishing is completed, the business will officially open sometime in early Fall. The store will be in direct competition with Wal-Mart, which is located just north of the new building. A Pizza Inn restaurant is also being constructed in the front portion of the Kmart parking lot. (Chart photo by Martin Oetting)

Arts tempo

Art League announces winners of 'showcase'

After the judging of over 50 entries last Friday, winners of the Southern Showcase were announced this week by the Missouri Southern Art League.

"The Best of Show" was awarded to Mike Prater for his charcoal drawing titled "La Femme, D.M."

Prater received a \$20 gift certificate to Howsman's Office Supply. His name will be engraved on a plaque which will be placed in the upstairs gallery.

All other winners received ribbons.

"The plaque is something new this year to honor 'The Best of

Show," said Ed Wong-Ligda, co-adviser for the Art League. "We are placing the winners' names, starting with last year, on the plaque and hanging it in the upstairs gallery."

In the painting category first prize went to Billie Hallam, second prize to Brad McClintock, and third prize to Ovie Pritchett. All three paintings were done in oils.

Eric Davis received first place in the drawing category, followed by Brad McClintock (second) and Deanna Petersen (third).

First and second places in illustration were won by Bill Strass

for his female figure and bear. Donna Schweigman took third place for her illustration.

In the final category, three-dimensional, Chellie Smith received first and third places, and Ken Pennington received second for his "Grandma's Pearl."

"This year was the first time we had categories for graphic communications and illustration," said Wong-Ligda. "Before, when a student put them in, they were thrown out because they were not paintings or drawings."

Rodney S. Frew, an instructor at Southwest Missouri State Univer-

sity and "The Best of Show" winner of the Spiva Annual, judged the entries for Southern Showcase.

"It was decided to have Frew judge when the awards were given for the Spiva Annual," said Wong-Ligda. "He lives close and is proven quality. We felt it was a good idea to have 'The Best of Show' judging 'The Best of Show'."

Wong-Ligda said the show will go up Monday, and continue through the last day of finals.

The public may view the works free of charge Monday through Friday during regular school hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays, and 2

p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

"I felt the work overall was fairly strong," said Wong-Ligda. "I liked the work much better than last semester, but that's entirely my opinion."

"It is important students realize that in this type of competition it is just the judge's opinion. Obviously the judge knows something about aesthetics and art, but they must realize a work thrown out of one could win in another."

Mo. Southern

Society presents
Paris 1900
and La Tour

8 p.m. April 22
Connor Ballroom

Senior Piano Recital
8 p.m. May 1
Phinney Hall

Brass Choir
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Watch and Prey
Friday thru May 10
Phoenix Theatre

Heart
and Honeymoon Suite
Tuesday
Convention Center



Gene
Cotton

Singer-songwriter Gene Cotton performed for Missouri Southern students in the basement of Apartment B Monday night. Cotton, who performs often at Southern, is best known for "Sunday in Salem". (Chart Photo by Rick Evans)

Cuban pianist to perform free concert Wednesday

As part of a three-concert tour in Missouri, Ivette Hernandez, a Cuban-American pianist, will perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in Taylor Auditorium.

Born in Guantanamo, Cuba, Hernandez made her orchestral debut at age eight, playing Mendelssohn's *Brilliant Caprice* with the Havana Philharmonic directed by Erich Kleiber.

From 1945-49 she studied with Claudio Arrau and Sidney Foster in New York, and during this time was one of the five finalists in the Young People's Concerts Competition sponsored by the New York Philharmonic.

Hernandez entered the Marcel Ciampi Class in 1950 at the Paris

Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique, and in less than a year won first prize by unanimous decision.

The 1963 Harriet Cohen Piano Medal was awarded to her in London. In 1970, she was presented the Gold Medal of the Gottschalk Competition in New Orleans.

Hernandez has studied with Marquerite Long, Tomas Andrade de Silva, and Bruno Elsner.

She has performed throughout the United States, Europe, and Latin America, and has made recordings for RCA Victor in Spain and Eterna in Germany.

The concert is sponsored by the music department and is open to the public free of charge.

Society gives final program; will show two French films

Presenting its final program for the 1985-86 series, the Missouri Southern Film Society will show two films at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

A review of Parisian history from 1900 through World War I, *Paris 1900* will be presented along with *La Tour*, a short film dealing with Rene Clair's poetic exploration of the architectural design of the Eiffel Tower.

Paris 1900 utilizes old newsreels, theatre programs, and excerpts from 700 primitive films.

The film was written and directed by Nicole Vedres. It has received much critical acclaim.

In a 1975 poll of French critics, *Paris 1900* was among their all time favorites. The National Board of Review selected it among the "Five Best Foreign Films of 1950." It has also won the Prix Louis Delluc and an award at the Edinburgh Film Festival in 1972.

Single admission at the door is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens, students, and season ticket holders.

Orchestra will present concert

Elliot says group will perform pieces by Franz Schubert and Ron Neilson

Adding brass and winds this year, the Missouri Southern Community Orchestra will give a concert at 8 p.m. Monday in Taylor Auditorium.

"We've built up our string section enough now to add the brass and winds," said Bill Elliott, director of the orchestra. "Increased support from private sources and administration has helped create greater interest in the instrumental department. Therefore, the or-

chestra has grown, and we are able to do a wider variety of literature."

Elliott said the participants are college students and people from the community, including outstanding high school students and public school music teachers. Dr. Wayne Harrell, associate professor of music, will play the french horn, and Dr. Charles Thelen, associate professor of music, will play the oboe.

"If anyone is interested in taking

part, we have some openings that they can obtain information about by calling the department or me," said Elliott.

The orchestra will perform pieces including *Overture and Allegro* from the *La Sultane Suite*, *Unfinished Symphony* by Franz Schubert, and a modern work *Jubilee* by Ron Neilson.

The concert is open to the public free of charge.

Association presents final concert

Offering the fourth and final concert for 1985-86, the Joplin Community Concert Association will present the Coletti-Chastain Duo at 8 p.m. tomorrow in Taylor Auditorium.

Paul Coletti, Scottish violinist and professor of viola and chamber music at the University of Washington-Seattle, has studied at the Royal Scottish Academy, the International Menuhin Music Academy in Switzerland, the Banff Center in Canada, and the Juilliard School of Music.

Nora Chastain, violinist and in-

structor at the Menugin Academy, has studied at the University of Cincinnati and Juilliard.

The duo, formed in 1981 at the University of Cincinnati, has performed throughout the United States, Europe, and Canada including performances in New York, San Francisco, Cincinnati, Salzburg, and Geneva.

Missouri Southern Students with a full-time I.D. and members of the Concert Association will be admitted free of charge.

The College pays a fee to the membership so all students can at-

tend the concerts," said Dr. F. Joe Sims, professor of music. "This fact has not been publicized enough, and as a result student attendance is low. I think it's important that students realize they can attend free with their I.D.'s."

Ticket sales for next year went on sale this week. Anyone wishing to purchase a season ticket may do so by contacting the music department or one of the members at the Drury Inn during May 5-10, the final week of a membership drive.

Reception-exhibition ends spring semester

Ending the spring term for the Young Artist Studio, a reception-exhibition will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Spiva Art Center.

"It gives the parents of the children an opportunity to see what has been accomplished," said Val Christensen, director of the Spiva Art Center. "It also gives the parents the chance to talk to the instructors about the performance of the children in the Art Studio."

In the spring session, 36 children from Joplin and the surrounding area worked with mediums including clay, batik on paper, painting, and T-shirt designs.

These works, along with an aesthetic-experience film, will be exhibited. Refreshments will be

served.

"The purpose of the studio is not to train the children as artists," said Christensen. "It is to afford the opportunity to explore artistic mediums and enrich their art-educational experience."

According to Christensen, the studio has been held for children in K-6 grades in its present structural form since 1979, and has been a part of the Spiva Art Center in other forms since its conception.

The cost of the studio is prorated. For non-members, the cost is \$25 for the 10-week session. Members receive a discount, and additional children within a family receive a greater discount. The cost includes all supplies with the

exception of a snack.

"The instructors change from time to time," said Christensen. "We try to find people to teach who have professional art degrees."

Christensen said the spring session was taught by Mitch and Debbie Terry, a husband and wife team. Debbie is a Missouri Southern graduate while Mitch is an art instructor in the McDonald County School System.

"Some of the studio graduates have gone on to art school," Christensen said. "I have run across students who remember when they were in Young Artists Studio."

The exhibit-reception is open to the public free of charge.

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Lori Rhodes/Brian LePage	May 30
Jenny Nance/Dan Cunningham	May 30
Nicole McPherson/Doug Bismarck	May 30
Karen Stubbins/Mike Harman	May 30
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Basketball

New Recruits

Missouri Southern's men's basketball team has signed two new players for the 1986-87 season: Warren Zeigler and Bob Collier.

Zeigler data: 6-foot-4 guard-forward from Booker T. Washington High School in Tulsa. He averaged 16.2 points and 8.2 rebounds per game his senior year.

Collier data: 6-foot-7 center from Nixa High School. He averaged 18 points and 9 rebounds per game and was a second-team all-state choice.



Intramurals

Softball Results

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Midwest Express 4
Bartles & James 11,
Midwest Express 10
One Hitters 7,
Bad Attitudes 5
Phi Snatcha Grabba 15,
Last Chance 12

Intramurals

Spring Itinerary: Softball

Double elimination tournament is underway. Season ends May 1.

Golf

A two-man scramble (18 holes) will be held at 3 p.m. today at Briarbrook Country Club. Awards will be presented to the 1st place team.



Softball

Upcoming Games

(Home games in all caps)

4-25 CSIC Tourney TBA
4-26 CSIC Tourney TBA



Baseball

Upcoming Games

(Home games in all caps)

4-25 CSIC Tourney TBA
4-26 CSIC Tourney TBA
4-29 SW MO STATE 6:00
4-30 Arkansas Univ. 6:00

The sports scene

Golf team is second

Although Missouri Southern's golf team gave up its Central States Intercollegiate Conference crown last weekend, the Lions turned in two of the top five performances in taking second place.

Emporia State University turned in a two-day team total of 614 to capture the CSIC championship.

Emporia's Todd Zimlich topped the list of individual results with a 75 first-day total, and a two-day total of 149. Zimlich's teammate, Mitch Hoffman, took second with a 77 the first day, and a 131 for the weekend.

The 36-hole event was held at the par 72 Rolling Meadows Country Club in Junction City, Kan.

Southern, which had been CSIC champions for the past three years, turned in a two-day total of 631. Southern trailed Emporia by just five strokes after the first round.

Kirk Neill led Southern with a 77 after the first day. He went on to tie Missouri Western's Rick Sumpter for third with 152.

Southern's Tim Judd struggled the first day with an 81, but turned in a 155 two-day total to tie for fifth with Pittsburg State's Steve Macelli.

Missouri Western State College took third with a 640 team total, and Kearney State shared fourth with Pittsburg State. Both teams turned in scores of 652 after two days of work.



Don Thayer

Lions seek first CSIC baseball title

Southern, representing Missouri, takes 25-22 record to Kearney

In the eight previous years that Missouri Southern's baseball Lions have participated in the Central States Intercollegiate Conference, they have never won the championship. This weekend, they will attempt to change that.

The Lions will represent Missouri in the finals of the CSIC double-elimination round-robin tournament to be held this weekend in Kearney, Neb.

Play gets underway tomorrow at 1 p.m. with the Lions taking on Kearney State, 14-14, which will be hosting the tournament as the CSIC representative of Nebraska.

To avoid excessive traveling, a champion is crowned in each of the three states governed by the CSIC, and the three champions meet in a centralized location.

Representing Kansas this year is Fort Hays State, which won the CSIC title in 1983. The Tigers boast a strong 25-10-1 record.

Although Southern has struggled to stay above .500 this year, its 25-22 overall record is deceiving. Against NAIA and NCAA Division II teams, the Lions sport a 22-11 record.

However, the Lions enter the CSIC tournament on a three-game losing streak, after dropping a doubleheader to powerhouse Oklahoma State University last week.

Southern took a 2-0 lead in the first game of that doubleheader before giving up eight runs and losing 8-3.

In the second game, the Lions jumped out to a 6-0 lead, but self-destructed in the third and fourth innings, allowing OSU to collect 20 runs in taking a 20-6 pounding.

Scott Luton leads the Lions in hitting with a .333 batting average after 91 times at bat, and 33 walks. Luton has also scored 42 times, which is more than any other Lion.

Dale Rice is hitting at a .329 clip, Kevin Marsh is right behind him with a .320 average. Joe Janiak, who has batted 150 times with 15 walks, is behind Marsh with a .313 mark.

On the mound, Tim Williams has a strong 5-2 record with a 4.94 earned run average (ERA). Randy Jolitz leads the Lions with a 4.70 ERA, but has won just one game.

Steve Langhauser and Curt Kester, both with even 3-3 records, are giving up just over five earned runs per game.

Doug Stockam, 5-3, has a 6.00 ERA, and Fred Warden, who is the only Lions pitcher yet to lose a game at 3-0, has a 6.64 ERA.

The Lions will host Southwest Missouri State University Tuesday for its season home finale. The Lions travel to Fayetteville, Ark., the next day to end its regular-season schedule against the University of Arkansas.

Lady Lions to enter CSIC softball meet

Missouri Southern's nationally-ranked softball Lady Lions take their best ever overall record in the Central States Intercollegiate Conference tournament this weekend in Pittsburg, Kan.

Southern, 33-9, took fifth in the CSIC tournament last year, but is expected to have a much better showing this year.

"We should be the first or second seed," said Pat Lipira, head softball coach, "but we won't know until Thursday (today)."

Play gets underway at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Pittsburg between the No. 1 seed and the No. 8 seed.

"The CSIC is tough," said Lipira, "just like in all the other sports."

In the latest National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics poll, Southern held onto the fifth place position for the third week in a row. Five of the top 20 NAIA teams are members of the CSIC.

The Lady Lions are coming off a disappointing split with the Pittsburg State Gussies on Tuesday.

Behind the four-hit pitching of Lana Baysinger, the Lady Lions shut out the Gussies 3-0 in the first game.

Baysinger, now 19-4, did not walk a batter and did not allow a baserunner to pass second base.

All three of Southern's runs were produced in the third inning. Carey McGinnis rapped a single, and then Sheila Hunter walked with one out. Kathy Howard singled to drive in McGinnis for the first run, and

Hunter scored on an illegal play. Howard later scored on the House's single.

Cheryl Shelby took just her first loss in 19 starts in the second after Pittsburg pounded out four hits and scored six runs in the eighth inning to break open the deadlock.

"Our defense kind of just let us down," said Lipira, "and if our defense folds, we're really in trouble."

"There have only been a few games that we just gave away," said Lipira, "and they've all been Pittsburg's."

The Lady Lions have played Pittsburg seven times this season and hold a 4-3 edge on the Gussies.

"That's the seventh time," said Lipira, "and when you play a team that many times, you're going to beat it. I just hope the girls don't beat it too hard, and just put it behind us."

Last weekend, the Lady Lions captured the championship of the Missouri Western Invitational in Joseph, Mo.

Southern won all five of its games in the double-elimination tournament, including national-ranked Western, Northeast Missouri State (twice), and Northwest Missouri State.

"That tournament (Western) was a quality tournament," said Lipira. "It was probably better than the CSIC tournament will be this weekend."



Mitch Miller

The way I see it:

Marathons, basketball, and baseball: one outlook



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While most of the people in the United States were at lunch Monday, hundreds of people in Boston were running.

When it was all over, Australia's Bob de Castella had put in a good day's work. He set the new Boston Marathon record with a time of two hours, seven minutes, and 59 seconds.

For his two hours of work, he earned \$60,000. That's \$30,000 an hour! Those are almost union wages (just a joke).

Marathon runners are crazy. Believe it or not, some people (a lot of people) run marathons FOR FUN! It takes a special kind of insanity to go out and run any kind of distance at all, but why anyone would run 26 miles is beyond me.

I have never participated in a marathon, but I can relate to the two hours and seven minutes of running time.

In my days of organized basketball (back in the early '80's), one of my coaches falsely accused me of doing something wrong. He refused to hear my

side of the story, but, as the coach, he didn't have to.

My punishment was to run laps while the rest of the team practiced.

"How long?" I asked.

"Until I get tired," he said. So, in order to stay on the team, I ran, and I ran, and I ran.

At the end of the two-hour practice, I was still running. I certainly did not run 26 miles, but it helped me decide that I would never try.

Speaking of Boston reminds me of another subject: The NBA playoffs.

Professional basketball is becoming a game that lasts almost all year 'round. They play 82 games a year, and I suppose they can't afford to give 100 percent all year long. But, during the playoffs, they really play.

Although it is not an extreme prediction on my part, I foresee the Boston Celtics battling the Los Angeles Lakers in the championship series again this year.

However, the field is much stronger in the Eastern Conference this year than it has been in the past few years. Boston will experience some turbulence in its way to the finals this year, but on paper, they are still the best.

On Tuesday, Boston ousted the Chicago Bulls (or should I say Michael Jordan) in three straight games in the first round. The second game went into two overtimes before Boston finally pulled it out. There was a good headline in Tuesday's *Joplin Globe* that summed up the

situation: *Boston can't stop Jordan, but Bulls can't beat Celtics.*

That says it all. Jordan scored 49 points in the first game, and a playoff record 63 in the second game. Yes, one more than 62. It is not a misprint. Although he was held to just 18 in the third and final game, I give Jordan the "Johnny Offense" award for this year.

The Celtics tried everything including physical abuse, but they couldn't stop Jordan in the first two games. Each Celtic got his turn, too. At first, Dennis Johnson was guarding him. Then Danny Ainge, then Kevin McHale, then Red Auerbach, but nothing worked.

Although the Philadelphia 76ers are struggling without Moses Malone, they are holding their own against Washington. Also, I don't care what anybody says, Julius "Dr. J." Erving is not washed up. He is still a superstar. I think he will really surprise some of his critics.

If anyone is capable of upsetting Boston on the way to the finals, it is the Atlanta Hawks. They probably won't be able to handle Boston inside, but they get my vote for "most improved team" of the year. They won 20 more ballgames than last year, tying a club record of 50 wins. High-flying Dominique Wilkins is seemingly unstoppable. He took the NBA scoring title this year by scoring just over 30 points per game. "Spud" Webb (what kind of a mother would name her child "Spud?") gets my vote for "rookie of the year." At 5-foot-

little, he's making basketball a game for short people again.

I don't look for anybody to challenge the Lakers in the Western Conference, because so many teams in that conference are plagued by injuries.

The Portland Trail Blazers had a good shot until Sam Bowie had to sit down with a leg injury, and Houston might surprise everyone if they ever learn to play together.

No matter what machine you plug the statistics into, the output will surely read: Celtics and Lakers.

Shall we talk about baseball now? No, I don't really think so. What I mean is, who really cares at this point? The major leagues are playing 162 games in one season now, and the first two or three months just don't really matter.

Feasibly, a team could lose its first 70 ballgames and still end up in the World Series.

Therefore, we'll talk about baseball in the fall when the second annual 1-70 series rolls around.

It is not unheard of to open a newspaper and find a misprint or some other type of mistake. I don't claim to be any different. For instance, a couple weeks ago in a story about the Southern baseball team, I mistakenly called LeRoy Hagedorn, Mike Hagedorn. I don't know why, or where I got the "Mike." It was just a mistake. It happens.

But, I must mention something that was printed in yesterday's edition of *The Joplin Globe*. In the article about the Lady Lions softball

doubleheader with Pittsburg State, Southern pitcher Lana Baysinger was twice referred to in the wrong gender. Early in the story, the writer wrote about "his 19th victory," referring to Baysinger. I shrugged it off as a simple mistake. I've seen it before.

However, later in the story, the writer wrote that "he struck out one batter."

I found this very confusing. I interviewed Miss Baysinger last week, and from simply talking to her, I'm certain she's a girl. Sometimes I'm not very observant, but in her case, I'm certain. Besides, they wouldn't let her play on the "Lady" Lions team if she wasn't. Anyway, I just wanted to clarify that for you, the reader.

Before I reach the bottom of the page, I would like to plug the first annual LePage awards. They will be announced in this column next week, so don't miss them.

Crossword Answers

PAT	POPE	TAPE
ALSO	EROS	EGO
LEAD	PAD	PAINED
OAT	NAP	UTE
EDEN	LED	STAG
DIN	NEE	SPA
SO	POSSESS	ER
OAF	REI	PAS
BRAG	AVE	WALL
TAL	ELA	LEA
SETTEE	ELK	AM
ATE	ALEC	ELSE
PAR	FLAT	GOT